1	2	3	4	5	6
16.	Jaipur	1913	15	50	13
17.	Jaisalmer	462	10	12	1
18.	Jalore	602	4	-	3
19.	Jhalawar	1444	41	36	40
20.	Jhunjhunu	689	-	-	-
21.	Jodhpur	705	5	-	-
22.	Kota	798	18	12	9
23.	Nagaur	1223	12	12	1
24.	Pali	818	-	-	-
25.	Rajsamand	939	16	6	17
26.	S. Madhopur	1534	18	16	16
27.	Sikar	813	-	-	-
28.	Sirohi	433	-	-	-
29.	Sriganganagar	3886	189	196	145
30.	Tonk	1017	27	30	28
31.	Udaipur	2178	37	58	54
	Total	34968	756	750	700

efforts and time required to collect the names of the villages which have been Electrified during the last three years is not commensurate with the results. Hence number of electrified villages is given.

[English]

Refund of Money of Unutilised Tickets

1535. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a station Superintendent or any other officer of a Railway Station is authorised to refund money of an unutilised ticket of a passenger for a long journey by Express/Mail trains purchased from any station in the country if the passenger does not perform journey due to sudden sickness and if he wants to purchase ticket for next day by that refund money;

(b) if not, the reasons therefore;

(c) the mode of assistance provided to such passengers by Railways if that passenger has no further money to purchase ticket for next day if refund is not given to him for his unutilised ticket from that station; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that the refund is made to such passengers on that railway station?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) and (b) As per rules, refund on reserved, RAC and wait-listed tickets is admissible at all stations on Indian Railways within the time limits prescribed in the rules provided that verification of such tickets is possible at the concerned station. However, the Station Masters of 452 important stations have been given discretionary powers to grant refund of fare on unused tickets, issued from their stations, where refund is not admissible due to expiry of the time limits prescribed in the rules.

(c) and (d) The Railways do not grant any financial assistance to passengers for purchasing tickets. However, the facility of postponement of journey on reserved tickets is already available, provided that a confirmed reservation is available on the day of the proposed journey.

[Translation]

Faulty Telecom Services in U.P.

1536. DR. RAMVILAS VEDANTI :
SHRI SOHANVEER SINGH :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the faulty telecommunications services in rural areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve the telecommunications facilities; and

(c) the allocation made for incurring expenditure on improving the telecommunications facilities during the Ninth Five Year Plan?